

Sports Dinner Honors Athletes

The Fathers' Guild has announced that it will hold its eighteenth annual sports dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel St. George on the evening of January 20. Over one thousand fathers and sons are expected to attend this event which is one of the highlights of Prep's winter activities.

At this "Dinner of the Year," two of Prep's outstanding athletes will be presented with awards. The *Michael J. Cashman Trophy*, which last year was won by three-letterman (swimming, basketball, baseball) Joseph Cassidy, will be given to the athlete judged most versatile.

Since the gridders have just completed their second perfect season and extended their unbeaten skein to sixteen straight games, the most difficult choice of the evening could very well prove to be that of the recipient of the *William Dahut Trophy*, awarded to the outstanding football player of the year. John Hudson, selected on every all-city team, received the trophy last year for his stellar line play. Nor will the less prominent athletes be forgotten. Prep's lettermen will be cited for their efforts by Fr. Francis O'Connor, S.J., Director of Athletics.

Matthew Golden Trophy

After these preliminary awards have been made, Mr. Albert Maguire, President of the Fathers' Guild, will announce the recipient of the *Matthew Golden Trophy* which is presented each year to the Catholic athlete who has been most prominent in national collegiate football. Last year, Mike Ditka, All-American end of the University of Pittsburgh, won this award.

Alumni Hold Reunion During Christmas Week

After the successful coupling of the alumni basketball game and the annual homecoming rally, the Brooklyn Prep Alumni Association hopes for another successful social event on the evening of December 27, 1961, when it will sponsor its first Reunion Dinner. Invitations have been sent to all the alumni. The choice of a date within the Christmas holiday season will surely afford many of them the opportunity to attend the dinner.

The Reunion Dinner Committee has arranged for a "Beefsteak Dinner" with a sufficient supply of food and drink "in order that each alumnus might have all the juicy beefsteak he can eat and all of the foamy beverage he can drink."

In addition to providing an enjoyable dinner for all, the affair hopes to be a source for the renewal of friendships which were formed at the Prep and for the encouragement of further interest in the school and its current, as well as future, activities.

As another means of keeping the alumni in contact with their alma mater, Rev. Frederick W. Engel, S.J., Moderator of the Alumni Association, has announced that an alumni newspaper has recently been inaugurated. Editor-in-Chief, George Alexander, of the Class of '52 and his dedicated staff, Ames Bleda, Class of '56; Tom Hayes, Bill Brewer, and Tom Makowski, all of the Class of '60 are busily working on their first issue scheduled to reach the public before Christmas. Fr. Engel and these alumni intend to publish three or four issues a year. The alumni paper is another step forward in the establishment of a strong and active Alumni Association.

Home Run Hero

The final trophy of the evening, the *Brooklyn Prep Award*, will be presented by Fr. Rector to the "Catholic Athlete of the Year." This year Roger Maris will be honored with this award which has become widely known in the field of professional sports. In past years, this award has gone to such famous athletes as Paul Hornung, Floyd Patterson, "Red" Schoendienst, Andy Robustelli and Rocky Colavito.

Star-Studded Dais

The Fathers' Guild Dinner committee is making arrangements to have their dais graced by outstanding representatives from all branches of the sports world. Previous Sport Dinners have attracted world champs in football, baseball, boxing, track and gymnastics, as well as leading coaches and sports writers.

Fr. Kelly, S.J., recommends the event because, "the Brooklyn Prep Sports Dinner is the outstanding sports dinner in the metropolitan area. It is a wonderful opportunity for all Prep students and their fathers to enjoy a memorable evening together in the presence of the great athletes of the year."

Guild Donates Board Track

In a recent letter to Mr. Maguire, President of the Fathers' Guild, senior Robert Clarke expressed thanks to the Guild for their assistance in securing a new board track for the Prep.

The new track will provide the team with the convenience of being able to practice closer to home during the indoor season. It will also minimize the problem of bad weather conditions which always retards progress during the winter months.

With the completion of the 160 yard track, Prep's track team will be able to hold a number of dual meets at the school. The Prep will also act as host for the Jesuit High School Championships later in the season.

The new track should be an added incentive to the student body in general, not only to join the track team, but also to attend and support the future meets which will be conducted here.

Roger Maris To Get Award

This year the Brooklyn Prep Fathers' Guild, continuing in its long tradition of procuring great athletes for the Annual Sports Dinner, has invited home run king, Roger Maris, to attend the dinner as Guest of Honor.

Maris, who was named Catholic Athlete of the year by the Prep Fathers' Guild, was born in Fargo, North Dakota in 1934. Roger has been the spark plug of the New York Yankee baseball organization ever since he was traded from Kansas City a few years ago. Yankee Maris was voted the most valuable player in the American League for the 1961 season. This marked the second consecutive year Rog has garnered this honor.

His most notable achievement during this past season was his output of sixty-one home runs, surpassing Babe Ruth's 1927 total of sixty. In addition, he teamed with Mickey Mantle to break the Ruth-Gehrig two man home run total of 107, also set in the baseball banner year of 1927. In addition to his other accomplishments, Maris has played on the American League All-Star team for the past two seasons.

Roger now resides at Raytown, Missouri with his wife, Patricia, and their four children.

TOP MARKSMEN

Seniors

4D Paul Mosca	95.5
4C Charles Fenton	94.4
4D Charles Kunzinger	93.8
4D Daniel Lanigan	92.8
4D Frederick Kunzinger	92.5
4F Richard Buonato	89.5

Juniors

3B John Dorsey	95.4
3C James Duca	95.2
3B Roger Herman	93.4
3B Robert McDonough	92.8
3C Lawrence Zanis	92.5
3C John Agresto	92
3D Edward King	91.5
3C John Lenahan	91.2
3C Frank Chiarchiaro	91.1
3B John McHugh	90.2
3B Edward Haggerty	90.1
3B Donald Johnson	90.1
3C Richard Zwierko	90
3B Thomas Kennedy	89.1
3A Barry Pehrsson	89

Sophomores

2F Lawrence Pape	98.2
2H John Stevenson	96.8
2F Victor Castellani	96.5
2F Elwood Collins	95.3
2F Robert Gilleran	95.1
2H Bohdan Oryshkevich	94.6
2F Vincent Pafumi	94.4
2H Richard Sbaschnig	93.2
2H Dennis Durante	93
2H Michael Scimeca	92.6
2C John Mullady	92.5
2C Thomas Harmon	92.2

Freshmen

1F Gregory Milmo	96.2
1A Gerald McDermott	93
1E Joseph Atanasio	92
1B Stephen Treadway	92
1D Mark Zaino	92
1A John Zizzo	92
1B Michael Abt	91.2
1D Joseph Pulito	91.2
1F Jeremiah Murray	91.1
1B Anthony Naglieri	91
1A Ronald Vanchieri	91
1C Alan Zalewski	90.4

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The clans had gathered in Bethlehem for the census-taking. When a young carpenter made the rounds asking for a place to stay for his pregnant wife, he was repeatedly refused by the townspeople who couldn't be bothered going out of their way, even for someone who obviously needed help. The poor, gay, busy celebrants of Bethlehem! They had so much to talk about and so many people to see that they missed the arrival of the One Whom their fathers had proclaimed and yearned to welcome for thousands of years!

We certainly are more fortunate than those Bethlehemites and holiday visitors. From early childhood we were told of Christ's arrival and of His continuing presence among us. Each December, in a special way, we gratefully celebrate the wonder of His coming.

Real gratitude, however, necessarily implies an attempt to be expressed. How grateful are you for God's tremendous act of love in sending His Son? How will you answer the question this Christmas—"What shall I give back to the Lord for all He has given me?"

Is Christ asking you to be a more generous son, a kinder and more unselfish brother? Is he asking for greater leadership and courage from you, a firmer determination to work at your job of studying? Will you repay Him by trying seriously to pray sometime each day and to be alive to His presence in your soul and in the tabernacle? Will you make the honest effort to think less of your wants and more of others?

Whatever Christ is asking of you this Christmas, be big about showing your gratitude. That will be the intention of my third Mass on Christmas, offered for all of you and your families.

Fr. McNamara, S.J.

Seniors Commended



Photo by CONNORS
Among the top one percent of the nation!

Last month, Fr. Kelly, S.J., announced that fifteen seniors had received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Foundation. These seniors were among the top one percent in the country in the scholarship examination but did not attain a high enough score to be considered semi-finalists. A brief run-down of the seniors follows:

John Cafaro, (4E); St. Joseph's, Babylon; winner of a full scholarship to Prep; former Varsity Basketball Manager.

Joseph Cusker, (4E); Blessed Sacrament, Queens; Library Staff.

Robert Droney, (4E); Incarnation, Queens; Associate Editor of the Blue Jug; Co-President of the Stage Crew.

William Gomes, (4D); Long Beach J.H.S.; Yearbook Staff.

Peter Goodrich, (4D); St. Charles Borromeo, Brooklyn; Feature Editor of the Blue Jug; Varsity Baseball.

Dennis Hurley, (4D); St. Francis Xavier, Brooklyn; Cross Country; Track; Sodality.

John Kane, (4C); Our Lady Help of Christians; Science Club; French Club.

Frederick Kunzinger, (4D); Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Brooklyn; Latin Sight Team; Top Marksman.

David Lawless, (4D); St. Savior, Brooklyn; Class Officer; Layout Editor of Magazine; Dramatics; Prom Committee.

Stephen Long, (4D); St. Benedict Joseph Labre, Queens; Cross Country and Track.

Maurice McLoughlin, (4D); St. Savior, Brooklyn; Editor-in-Chief of the Magazine; Dramatics.

Kenneth Minnichello, (4D); Our Lady of Guadalupe, Brooklyn; Class President; JV and Varsity Baseball; Prom Committee.

Paul Mosca, (4D); St. Vincent Ferrer, Brooklyn; Latin Sight Team; Top Marksman; National Science Foundation Scholarship winner; Gold Medalist.

Edward Serrapede, (4C); Sacred Heart, Merrick; Feature Editor of the Magazine.

John Sigel, (4D); Presentation, Queens; Magazine Staff; Dramatics.

Are You Receiving A Catholic Education?

During the past year, the Catholic secondary educational system has been under attack by the adversaries of federal aid to private schools. These secularists have often termed our high schools "divisive, un-American, and even subversive." Some of them feel that our education consists almost entirely of instruction in Catholic dogma and liturgy.

THE AIM

We as Catholic high school students would be among the first to defend our system of education and would testify to the exceptional educational facilities of our schools. Unfortunately, many of us would then go on and make the error common among Catholic adolescents of stating that religion has a comparatively minor place in our schools. This is to see things completely out of focus.

The real purpose behind the Catholic high school is to educate adolescents in the Catholic way of life and to prepare them to take their place as adult Catholic leaders. This goal is achieved by a well-balanced education, whether academic, commercial, or vocational, permeated by Catholic principles and presented in an atmosphere designed to help students realize their main goal in life—the salvation of their souls.

MISSING THE MARK

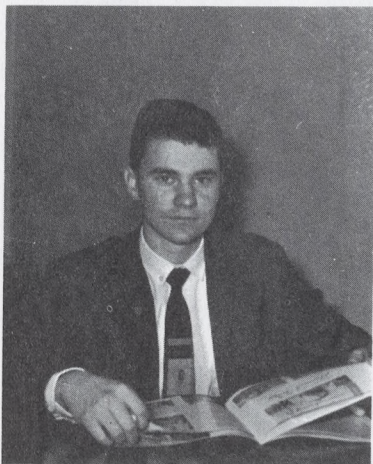
Apparently, many students at Prep are inclined to deemphasize the role of the spiritual in their high school years. For example, at the Guard of Honor Mass on Wednesdays, less than twenty percent of the student body is in attendance; at the Friday Mass less than one-third of the student body receives Holy Communion; and sometimes, the confession study period is used as an excuse to walk the halls with fellow classmates. The Sodality of Mary is often looked upon as an organization that is rather mysterious and restricted to a few "eccentric" students. This general attitude hinders the function of this organization and, in turn, weakens the life-blood of our school. Unfortunately, this attitude can destroy the school's main objective.

The administration has made a special effort to foster the proper attitude at Prep. Closed retreats for juniors and seniors have been initiated while freshmen and sophomores receive a thorough spiritual orientation at the beginning of the school year. Priests and scholastics, besides the appointed Student Counsellors, are always willing to give their advice and aid whenever a problem develops and their guidance can most certainly be helpful. However, all of this will go for naught unless the students take an active interest in this phase of their education.

Christmas season can, and should, be a fine time to evaluate exactly how important Christ has been for us during the past year. When we meet Him on Christmas morning, will He know us, or will we be more like strangers to Him?

SPOTLIGHT ON: JOE HART

Millions of high school students participate in dramatics and literary activities. Yet only a handful of students excel in both to such a degree as to be termed *artists*. As co-president of the Dramatics Society and fiction editor of the Magazine, Joe Hart is certainly at home in this elite corps.



A writer from his grammar school days, senior Hart has received numerous accolades both for his prose and for his poetry. So far, he has had four poems, three short stories, and a prize-winning essay on Robert Frost printed in the B.P. Magazine in addition to a poem in the *Tablet*. He has received three important literary awards—a second prize in the Irish Feis; a commendation for poetry from Scholastic Magazine; and a first prize from the National Catholic Press for his essay on Frost.

Why does Joe Hart write?

"If in some future time I were asked what was the most important thing Brooklyn Prep did for me," Joe said, "I would answer that it developed in me a sense of appreciation of literature and an insatiable desire to express ideas and experiences in the concrete mediums of stories, essays, and poems."

A talented thespian, Joe has put his versatile acting ability to work in bringing the playwright's creations to life through his convincing portrayals of such majestic characters as MacDuff from "Macbeth," the king of Siam from "The King and I," and Brutus from "Julius Caesar."

We wondered what spurred Joe on to sacrifice so much of his time in breathing life into these poignant personalities.

"The love for the work comes through the desire to create something, or to become something more than yourself, and in doing so, to better yourself."

After graduation, Joe's plans include a college where he will be able to study, act, and write under the best possible guidance.

"I intend to major in English since that is my favorite subject. I have scarcely begun to scratch the surface of my learning of English literary culture. This will be a lifetime pursuit for me. The Anglo-Saxon literature contains the greatest works in the world. I intend to become familiar with all of these, and I always will pursue my personal quest to express myself through writing."

AROUND PREP

What do you think of the new regulation restricting the wearing of flamboyant clothing?

Anthony Mastelloni, 4D

To me, flamboyant clothes means skin tight pants. I don't mean gradually tapered pants which are generally in good taste, but I mean those styles which make the wearer look like a ballerina. If those who wear such styles only knew what they looked like, they certainly would not make a fool of themselves by wearing them.

Peter Madison, 3B

I think that the clothes worn by most students are not that bad. A little bit of color doesn't hurt anybody. As long as something loud is worn in the right manner and at a suitable time, I feel it should not be classified as flamboyant.

Noel Howard, 3G

I think the student should be able to use his own judgment in his choice of clothes. With the changing times, the styles tend to change. But it will be soon quite evident that the students will have no choice in the matter since the school will tell them what to wear.

Raymond Carty, 3H

I feel this rule won't affect the majority of the students who have enough sense to dress properly. But there are always a few who have to be different.

Victor Castellani, 2F

I think that reasonable restrictions are agreeable. I can see no harm in protecting the reputation of Brooklyn Prep, provided that it does not limit a student's personality beyond reason.

Elwood Collins, 2F

I think that flamboyant clothing mainly consists in loud items which stand out from the rest of a student's attire. I think that a student should and could, for the most part, make his own judgment, except, of course, when his state of mind is fixed upon getting away with as much as he can. I like Ivy League clothes but don't especially care for some of today's cheap combinations.

Michael Scimeca, 2H

I think that flamboyant clothing is that which is worn with the purpose of being ostentatious. I think that most students can make their own judgment but seldom do.

Walter Pope, 2J

I don't have any opinion. I don't wear them and I couldn't care less.

Dennis Dylewski, 1E

I'd say the only flamboyant clothes are pants six inches from the ground and ties that blind the naked eye. I think the restrictions are perfectly in order, but I also feel that most pupils can distinguish between a conservative outfit and exaggerated haberdashery.

Edward Madara, 1F

I think that flamboyant clothing usually consists of bright colors. I think that the administration is doing right because when people see these crazy clothes on subways or buses, it discredits the school. Anyone in his right mind knows whether clothes are of this type or not.

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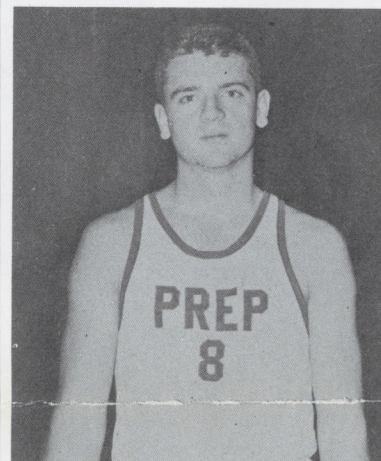
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SPORTLIGHT ON: ED RYAN

A great athlete is a perfect combination of both exceptional ability and burning desire. Whether sinking crucial jump-shots for the varsity basketball team or pitching strikes for the baseball squad, senior Eddie Ryan exhibits these two essential qualities.



Captain of this year's hoop squad, Ed has been playing both varsity basketball and baseball since his sophomore year, having starred for the JV squads in his freshman year. An active competitor in intramurals, Ed also adds class officer and science club to his list of activities.

Eddie, who has been playing organized basketball ever since he was in the fourth grade of grammar school, explains his affinity for the sport this way:

"Basketball is a sport in which there is always something going on. You must be constantly alert and ready. I find that this is more true in basketball than in baseball. When I play

baseball, since I am a pitcher, I end up watching at least half of the game from the bullpen. Basketball is much different. You must be constantly thinking, especially when you are playing in the backcourt."

Ed plays both backcourt and forward positions, but enjoys competing in the backcourt more.

"In the backcourt," senior Ryan replied, "you get a chance to set up the plays. Your job is very similar to that of a quarterback in football. You must try to spot weaknesses in the opposition's defense and set up the plays accordingly."

We asked Captain Ryan what he felt were his responsibilities as captain of this year's hoop squad:

"My duties as captain pertain primarily to the younger members of the team," he answered thoughtfully. "It's my responsibility to show them good example and make sure that they realize the importance of constant drive and effort."

Ed feels that his decision to come to Prep was a very wise one:

"The big difference," replied Ryan, "between Prep and other schools lies in the fact that the teachers at Prep take a personal interest in each student. In a lot of schools you are left to fare for yourself, but here the teachers are always ready to give you all the help you need."

After his graduation next June, Ed hopes to attend Holy Cross and prepare for a career in Dentistry.



Photo by CONTRERA

Future high school students wait for Cooperative Exam to begin.

Trackmen Hit Boards

Under the adept leadership of newly elected co-captains, Bobby Clarke and Denny Hurley, the indoor track squad once again takes to the 'boards'. This year's team is sparked by such experienced and versatile seniors as Bob Bartolini, Dan Lanigan, Jim Ellingham, Steve Long, Bob Hickson, and, of course, the previously named co-captains.

In a pre-season 'special events' meet sponsored by Archbishop Molloy High School, the two mile relay team of Bob Bartolini, Steve Long, Frank Lamberta, and Ron Homer took second in their weight division. Prep's remaining entry was a four mile relay team composed of co-captain Clarke, and three talented sophomores, Mike Kane, Bill Azzinaro, and Kevin Lanigan. They placed eighth in this grueling event.

On Saturday, December 2, the C.H.S.A.A. Relay Carnival was held at the 102nd Engineers' Armory. The highlight of the day was the dazzling performance of the fleet-footed open 880 yard relay team which copped third place in a field of the city's fastest sprinters. The triumphant quartet of Richie Gallagher, Jim Ellingham, Denny Hurley, and Bob Hickson received bronze medals for their 1:38 effort. The novice two mile relay of Kane, Azzinaro, Lamberta, and K. Lanigan also finished third in their event, while the open two mile relay took a disappointing seventh place.

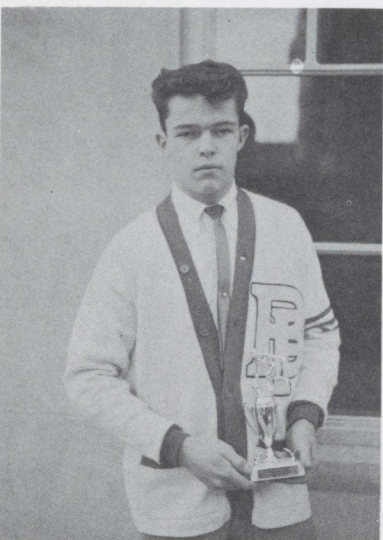
At Mount St. Michael's "Polar Bear Meet," Richie Gallagher, Jim Ellingham, Tom Witco, and John Peto copped a first place in their division, and placed fourth in over-all competition in the junior six lap relay.

In the Loughlin games on December 9, Mr. Lawrence's crack two mile relay team came through to capture fourth place in a field of thirty schools. The distance men, Stephen Long, Dan Lanigan, Bobby Clarke, and Bob Bartolini copped bronze medals with a time of 8:25.3.

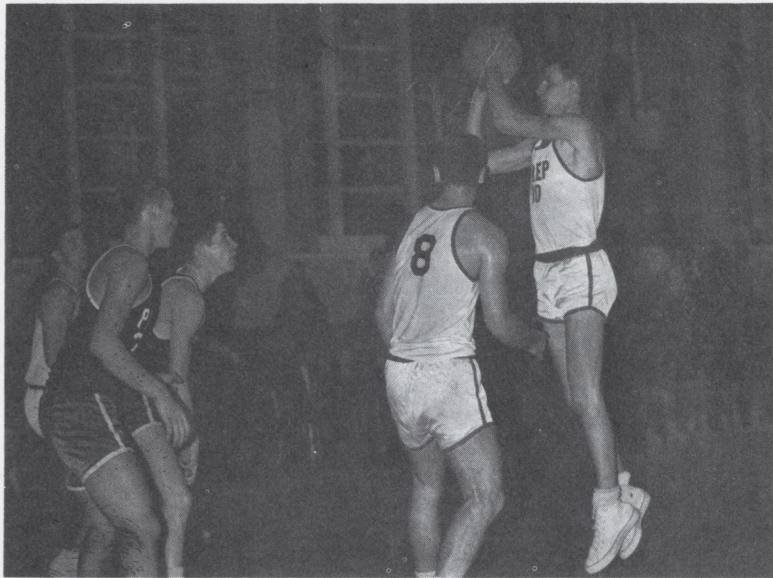
Keglers Confident

After a poor start in the C.H.S.A.A. Bowling League, Fr. Finnerty's pin-men have rebounded with wins over St. Augustine and Bishop Loughlin to boost their record to 2-2. The Prep keggers, led by junior captain Bill Broden, now possess a fourth place berth in the nine team loop.

Broden, who won the trophy for the highest league average in November, recorded a high game of 223. The team shows quite a bit of promise with five capable juniors on the seven man squad: Bill Broden, Gerry Calabrese, Bob Cahalan, Joe Walsh, and Rick Sienold. Senior vets, Jim Rowley and Wally Clare fill out the squad.



Bowler Broden displays trophy.



Behind Captain Eddie Ryan's screen, Billy Camera jumps for two against helpless Rams.

Molloy Mauled Prep Packs Punch

Under their new coach, Mr. John Lawn, the varsity courtmen have inaugurated the new season by posting a 4-1 slate, their only loss being to an undefeated Fordham five.

Eaglets Seek Wins

J.V.

As the JV Basketball season gets into full swing, the sophomore cagers have thus far posted a 1-2 record. After dropping their first two tilts to Fordham (39-55) and Regis (54-59), the Eaglets bounced back with a victory over Monsignor McClancy.

The hard core of dependable sophs is formed by Gerry Costabile, Paul Coulter, Mike Heaney, Charlie Kasper, Jack Rafferty and Jimmy O'Brien.

As coach Father Gerhard, S.J., says, "The main problem with the squad is their relatively poor shooting ability. The club exhibits a fine defense, in addition to good ball-handling and 'fast-break' speed. With the expected improvement in the shooting department, the team should be adequate to meet the demands of a difficult schedule."

Frosh

After only two weeks of practice, the freshman basketball team, under Mr. Edward Bartley, has fought many of the toughest frosh squads in the city. Though losing their first five games, they have shown that they are capable of forming into a winning team.

In their first game against Holy Cross, the frosh were beaten 37-20. Poor shooting and bad passing gave Holy Cross a lead that Prep could not make up. Jerry McDermott led the freshmen with 8 points while Bill Bestature's 14 gave the Crusaders an easy victory.

The basketballers were then handed another defeat (44-32) by Fordham Prep. Fred Markey led Prep scorers with 9 points while Andy Sumakis and Tony Giordano contributed six points apiece. After their second defeat, Prep was outclassed by Molloy 66-28. Tony Giordano aided the Prep cause with 10 points, but Molloy continually outplayed the Eagles throughout the game.

Prep then lost a heartbreaker to McClancy, 46-41. After tying the score with only three minutes to play, Prep fell apart and handed McClancy the victory. Tony Giordano again led Prep with 12 points while Joe Atanasio hit for nine points. Prep again was defeated, on December 9, this time by Regis, 50-35. Markey and Giordano hit for eight points apiece but the fast-breaking Regis squad left Prep in the dust.

Coach Lawn has some experienced players to build his team around in such senior stalwarts as Ed Ryan, Joe Massot, John Dockery and Bill Camera. However, Don Johnson, Charlie Phillips, Jack Dema, Bill Devaney and Pete Gulemas—who are all juniors—have shown heads-up ball-playing in their appearances. If the teamwork keeps up, Prep should have no trouble in posting a winning season.

Prep—86 Alumni—75

In their first contest, the varsity five proved too much for the alumni to handle. Captain Ed Ryan started off the season on the right foot, as he poured in 19 points before halftime. Although the alumni finally started to click in the second half, the Prep lead was insurmountable. It seemed to be the night for Ryans as the Ryan brothers, Bobby and Richie, led the "old-timers" in scoring, while flashing some of their great high school form. Coach Lawn allowed the juniors to gain some valuable experience and both Don Johnson and Charley Phillips turned in fine performances.

Prep—55 Regis—54

With six seconds remaining in the game, Ed Ryan scored a foul shot to break a 54-54 deadlock and give the Eagles the victory. It was a nip-and-tuck battle all the way with Ed Ryan (16) and Don Johnson (15) leading the Prep scorers. Ed Curtin's 18 points represented the highest individual effort for Regis. Joe Massot turned in a great performance by hitting the meshes for 11 points and setting up important buckets with his alert ball-handling.

Prep—47 Fordham—68

Having two wins under their belts, the Eagles were turned back by a very strong Fordham five. The Eagles weren't hitting in the first half and this cost them the game.

Although they outscored Fordham in the second half, the Rams' 37-15 halftime lead was too much to overcome. Tom Kelly led the way for the visitors with 24 points and Kevin McCullough added 11 more. Ryan and Phillips accounted for 17 and 12 points, respectively, in Prep's losing cause.

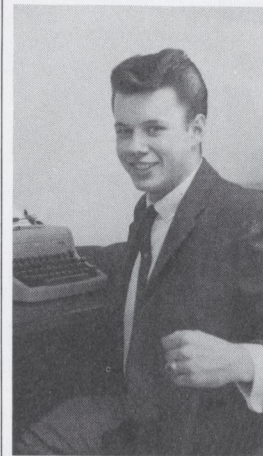
Prep—65 McClancy—50

Fired-up after their loss to Fordham, the Prep quintet trounced Monsignor McClancy 65-50. Prep's teamwork again paid off as Ryan (16), Johnson (11) and Phillips (7) led the scoring. Bill Camera and Jack Dema also contributed 6 markers apiece. Rinfred guided the losing McClancy aggregation.

SPORTSLANTS

by Vinny Donnelly

On Thanksgiving Day, more than nine thousand avid football enthusiasts streamed anxiously into Boys' High Field expecting to watch Prep's football squad mercilessly trounce St. John's. What they saw was not a slaughter. In fact, all that can be said for the high-flying Eagles is that they "edged out" the Redmen 16-6. The Brooklyn Prep football team, the unbeaten, untied city champs, received one of the roughest contests of their banner season from what was regarded by all to be a mediocre high school grid squad. Why?



The Johnnies were successfully "keying" scatback Dockery through most of the game and held him to only 14 points (only 14?). Prep was also missing the services of five regular starters for a large part of the game. These and many others are strong and concrete reasons for our poor showing, but they do not tell the whole story. What was the big reason?

The answer is simple. The Johnnies were "up" for the game and the Eagles were not. The flash and eager spirit which had characterized the Prep squad throughout the initial six tilts of the season was just not evident in the St. John's game. On the contrary, the Redmen squad, which has won only one of its last twenty games, played far above its head and battled the astonished Blue and White right down to the final gun.

This occurrence should in no way, however, degrade Prep's fine team. What happened in the St. John's skirmish, happens on all levels of competition—pro, collegiate, and high school. Most times it's all but impossible to instill real drive into a winning team, even one as great as ours. A successful squad naturally tends to become over-confident and thinks that it can let up on a lesser opponent. As we saw in this year's Turkey Bowl, this is far from the truth. A momentary lapse by one team can mean a score, and perhaps even a victory, for the other.

Now, with the basketball season in full swing, the question of fight and spirit comes up again. Prep is playing in a league where it can't afford to let up for one minute. The competition is tough, much tougher than we have ever had to face before. But as the Eagles showed in their first outing of the season, they, too, can be tough. In the Regis tilt, the Blue and White courtmen exhibited the flash, form, and spirit of a winning team. They showed that they are capable of turning in a successful record.

Experience has shown Prep the importance of spirit and drive. How good or how bad the Eagle hoopers prove to be is entirely up to them.

Vinny's Views:

The city's newspapers have honored Prep's unbeaten grid squad by awarding Eagle players numerous berths on their All-Star teams.

New York World Telegram:

All Catholic—Guard Lou Rotondi and halfback Johnny Whelan landed first string berths, while Johnny Dockery, Nick Slovak, and Don DeVita were awarded second string positions. Linemen Harmon, Blum, and Loehfelm received honorable mentions.

All Prep—Rotondi again found himself on the first string. Don DeVita and Johnny Whelan received second and third string berths respectively, while Dockery and Slovak each copped an honorable mention.

New York Daily News:

Scatback Johnny Dockery received a spot on the News' All-City squad for his inspiring performances this season. Johnny Whelan and Bob Esposito received honorable mentions.

The Brooklyn Tablet:

Co-captains Lou Rotondi and John Dockery landed first string berths, while honorable mentions were awarded to Slovak, Harmon, and DeVita. In a final tribute to John Dockery, the Tablet named him "Back of the Year."

We wish to extend our sincerest congratulations to all the members of Prep's fine team.

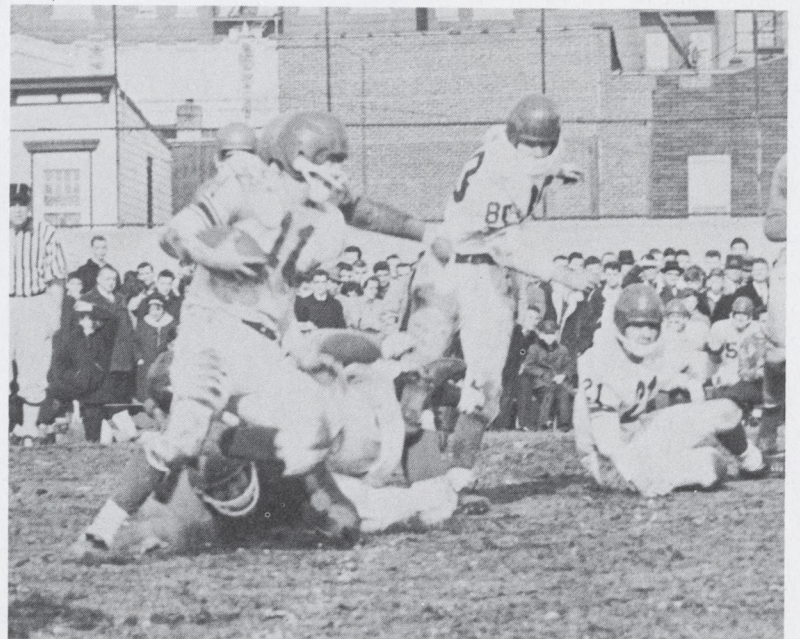


Photo by DELABO

Eagle scatback Johnny Dockery cuts right end and racks up his 85th point in a tilt which saw the Blue and White drop St. John's for the fourth consecutive year.

Faculty Wins Annual Football Classic

Before a crowd of some five-hundred, the faculty trounced the intramural champions of 4E, 12-0. Playing without their ace passer, Ed Ryan, and without their shifty receiver, Cookie Grosso, the senior Greeks still made the game much closer than the one-sided score indicates.

To open the game, Mr. Kelly boomed a kick high and far. With their backs to the wall, the seniors tried three short passes which failed to net any appreciable yardage. So, on fourth down, they threw out of danger. However, Bob Beck, handling Ryan's post at quarterback, intercepted Mr. Kelly's aerial and threw a pass to Steve Fellingham, deep in teacher territory. Picking-off the potential TD pass, Mr. Devine, S.J., then proved himself the man of the hour as he scooted the length of the field down the sidelines, falling across the goal line for the first tally of the game.

After the throw-off, the senior drive came to an abrupt halt when Mr. Raulli, S.J., intercepted on a first down play. Wasting no time, Mr. Devine doubled the score with his second touchdown, this time on a down-and-out pass from Mr. Kelly.

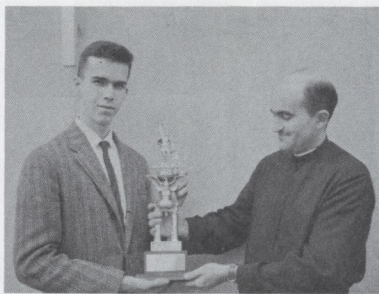
Tom Dineen's two successive passes

to Beck and Fellingham brought the seniors past mid-field. On the key third down play, Mr. Bartley crashed their hopes, intercepting near the goal line.

Rattled by the hard charge of the senior forward wall, Bob Bridges, Jerry Dukes, and Tom Gleason, Mr. Kelly's pass went astray and Dineen rekindled the students hopes with the interception.

Using the same strategy, the teachers "red-dogged" with Fathers O'Connor and Gerhard, S.J. Mr. Bartley took advantage of Dineen's hurried toss, pilfering his second pass of the game.

The second half proved a defensive battle as the faculty staved off repeated senior drives. The tuckered out teachers returned to their books, and the disheartened students were left with one thought—"Wait 'till next year!"



Another one for the trophy case.

Debaters Tops

The powerful varsity debate team scored its first major victory of the campaign on December 8 when John McClymer and Michael Fleming took first place among 96 schools in the St. John's University Invitational Tournament. The contest, largest ever held in the New York City area, attracted schools from such distant points as Baltimore and Rochester. The two-man team posted a perfect 6-0 record with 590 out of a possible 600 points.

Another speakers' troupe, the varsity oratory team of John McHugh, John Dorsey, Thomas Chesleigh, Marty Cahill, Frank Rykowski and Elwood Collins proved themselves extremely successful when, on November 25, they finished a close second in a diocesan contest at St. Agnes High School. The individual stars of the day were Chesleigh, who finished second in dramatic interpretation, and Al Fusco, who took top honors in the junior varsity division.

The next big event on the Prep speakers' calendar is the third annual Brooklyn Prep Invitational Tournament on December 30. On that day, novice teams from all over the East will compete at Prep for team and individual trophies. Bishop Loughlin is defending champion.

In its search for new talent, the oratory society will hold tryouts next month, climaxed by a school wide contest for our freshmen.

Prep Aids Needy

In order to make Christmas happier for many of the aged and orphaned left in the care of the Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor, the Sophomore Sodality sponsored a toy and clothing drive during the three weeks before Christmas.

This was one of the activities Fr. Corbett, S.J., has planned to help ready the Sodality for their official induction into the Sodality next spring. Another preparation for this day was the annual day of recollection held on December 8. Mr. Fedigan, S.J., Mr. Caufield, S.J., and Fr. Corbett, S.J., gave interesting and enlightening talks centered around a more complete love and understanding of our Lady. To increase participation in the dialogue Mass offered by Fr. Alexander, S.J., the Sodality joined in an Offertory procession.

Co-op Exam Held

On Saturday, December 9, one thousand anxious grammar school students assembled at Brooklyn Prep for the Cooperative Exam. As in previous years, Brooklyn Prep was chosen as the testing center for the grammar schools in the area.

Composed of math and English sections, the exam will determine which high school the grammar school students will attend this coming September.

Last year, approximately twenty-two hundred students picked Brooklyn Prep as one of their choices, but because of the tremendous number of applicants, it was decided that a boy should place in the top third in order to be considered for admission. Thus, our freshman year became two hundred and fifty-four strong!

Reading Course Offered To Develop Speed

At the second Parent-Teacher meeting of the year held on Dec. 6, approximately three hundred and fifty parents were told of a plan to introduce a Developmental Reading Course here at Prep.

Before parent-teacher consultation got under way, Father Headmaster introduced Mr. Lymon Gilmore, representative of the Balldridge Reading Service of Greenwich, Connecticut. Mr. Gilmore emphasized the fact that many high school students cannot receive the full benefit of their education since they are handicapped by poor reading skills. Then, by means of slides and statistics, he demonstrated why these facts were true and how such developmental reading programs can greatly amplify the pupil's comprehension and speed.

Each student who participates in the program will be interviewed and given an individual reading analysis. After these preliminaries, the students will be arranged in classes of eight, assuring each student individual attention. The course will be conducted either after school or during study periods so as not to take time away from academic subjects. The entire course requires twenty study hours and is spread over a period of eight weeks.

At the end of the program, a detailed report will be sent home to the parents of each student, showing the progress made. The cost of the complete program will be one hundred dollars.

Guard Of Honor Attendance Up

Every Wednesday morning at eight o'clock each Prep student is invited to attend the Guard of Honor Mass in the Prep chapel. This barometer of the spiritual life at Prep shows that the average attendance at the Mass has been slightly lower than last year but has gradually been picking up since late November.

Navy Chief Visits Prep

On November 17, Admiral George W. Anderson, U.S.N., Chief of Naval Operations, paid his first visit to the Prep since his graduation in 1923. In those thirty-eight years he has become, as Fr. Kelly stated, "our most distinguished living alumnus." After leaving Prep, Admiral Anderson attended the Naval Academy at Annapolis and earned his flight commission at Pensacola, Florida.

The Admiral made his visit while he was here as guest of the city to receive an award from Mayor Wagner. He was greeted by Father Morrisson, S.J., on behalf of the administration and by John McClymer (4D) on behalf of the students.

Having gratefully received a spiritual bouquet from the student body and faculty, Admiral Anderson proceeded to tour the school that has changed so much since his last visit. The Admiral was interviewed by the Editor of the Magazine for an article which will appear in its next issue.

The Guard of Honor imposes no other obligation on its members other than the regular attendance at Wednesday Mass. In so doing, it hopes to prevent religion from becoming part of a banal schedule in the lives of its members.

Just as a military Guard of Honor is a sign of respect and loyalty to the person to whom it is assigned, so also does Christ's Honor Guard at the Prep pledge its loyalty and devotion to Him. The members realize that sacrificing the last superfluous half hour of sleep on Wednesday morning is a small price to pay for the privilege of beginning the day with the participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and with the reception of the Eucharistic Christ.

Father McNamara, S.J., in encouraging greater participation in the Guard, said that "for all Prep students this Mass offers the best chance to fulfill the second requirement for membership in the Apostleship of Prayer, into which they were all enrolled as freshmen. In addition to being a building block for the individual's faith, it also helps to construct the self discipline so necessary for every well-bred gentleman."



Photo by PANAS

Cage mentors Bartley and Lawn discuss team's merits.

New Cage Coaches Selected To Fill Vacant Posts

The success of a basketball team depends, in large part, on its coach. This season Prep is fortunate to have the services of such coaches as Mr. John Lawn and Mr. Edward Bartley.

Mr. John Lawn, who recently took over the reins of the varsity cagers, is no stranger to basketball. He began his long playing career at Cathedral Prep where he sparkled for the varsity quintet. After he graduated in 1952, coach Lawn attended Cathedral College for two years and then transferred to St. Francis College where he achieved widespread fame for his ability on the court.

Upon entering the Marine Corps, he became player-coach of the Paris Island squad for the '57-'58 season. Mr. Lawn then turned semi-pro, again taking on the double task of player-coach at Buford, South Carolina. His team fought its way to the state semifinals on the merits of a 24-6 record.

Mr. Lawn took to teaching, and after spending half a year at the Prep (part of the time as coach of the frosh five), was suddenly confronted with the opportunity of coaching the varsity because of Mr. Satalino's unexpected departure. Mr. Lawn is optimistic about the team's chances this year. As he himself puts it, "Potentially we can field a good team. The winning attitude of the football team has been carried over and will be an important factor in the team's showing this year."

This winning spirit was exemplified in the opening game of the season against a strong Regis team. The Prep team fought back during the second half and managed to squeeze by the Owls with a one point margin.

The student body of the Prep will wholeheartedly support the squad, and wishes Mr. Lawn the best of luck in his new role as varsity coach.

The task of molding young men into future varsity stars must be placed in very capable hands. Such is the case with regard to this year's frosh basketball team. This responsibility has been entrusted to Mr. Edward Bartley, newly appointed coach of the freshman basketball team. Mr. Bartley has been connected with basketball since 1948 when he played for Regis.

Mr. Bartley came to Prep in 1958, with only a teaching career in mind. However, with Mr. Lawn's acceptance of the varsity post, he readily agreed to fill the vacancy as frosh coach. Mr. Bartley is optimistic about the team's chances, but realizes they are in a tough division and must hustle to make their own breaks.



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Fr. McNamara, S.J., extinguishes the candles after another Wednesday Mass.